Creating Common Ground for Civility in San Luis Obispo

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League Adopts Civil Discourse as a Top Priority

Year One: Study and adopt position

Year Two: Develop action plan and materials

Year Three: promote civil discourse in community

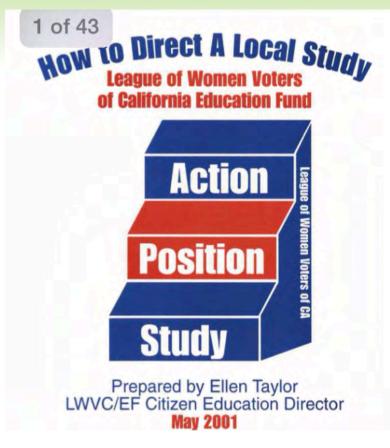
Government Officials Included

Individual meetings with Supervisors to assess their views

Supervisors awarded a community grant



LWVC 'How To' Manual





Scope of Study

ISSUE #1: Define Civil Discourse

ISSUE #2: Clarify study...

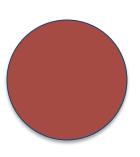
New or Update a position?

Also: Compile the Best Practices

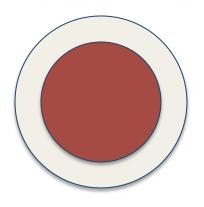


Where Do We Begin?









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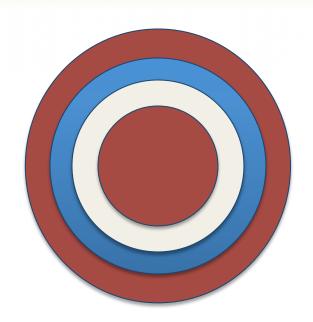




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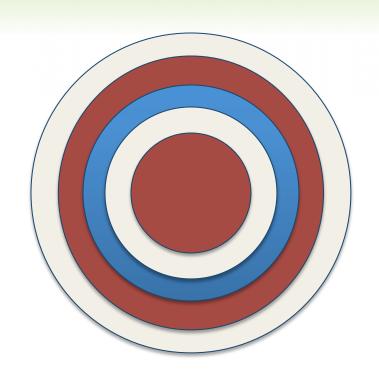


4 Countywide Citizen Meetings

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Local Media

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Updated Government Position

The League supports policies and actions that achieve a responsive and representative government, promote civil discourse, ...

#5. Promote civil discourse through action and education for all government bodies, staff, and citizens for the purpose of improved public policy decisions and processes. Civil discourse means, at a minimum, mutually respectful, courteous, constructive, and orderly communication.

Year Two: Plan For Action

PLAN A BUDGET: \$2500

PRODUCE MATERIALS:

brochure, buttons, stickers

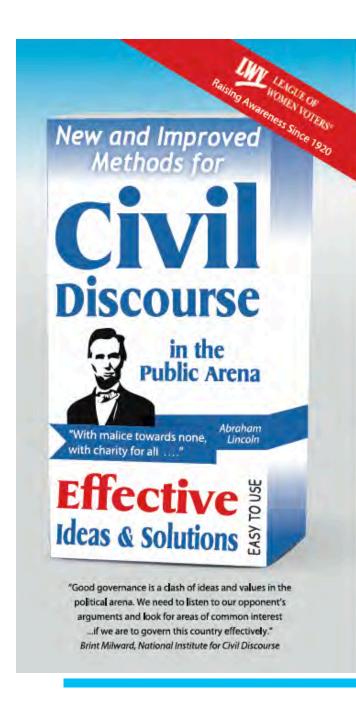
PREPARE FOR 'ROLL-OUT':

Prepare resolution for Supervisors and Mayors Write presentation script
Plan for Media

INITIATE ROLL OUT

Board of Supervisors Mayors





New Brochure

We took the best practices and ideas from our study research and designed our own.

Free to the public.



LWVC Convention 2015

Brochure: Best Practices From Study

- Respect
- Listening
- Leadership



Brochure: Scrubbed clean of controversy





Buttons: Make or Buy?







Year Two: Media Outreach

OPINION OF THE TRIBUNE

Let's applaud the push for civil debate

"We are fans of the League"

New initiative by League of Women Voters will aid democracy by d "A Change is Coming"



Year Three: Community Action

Ambassadors, Observers, and Presenters

Other organizations

